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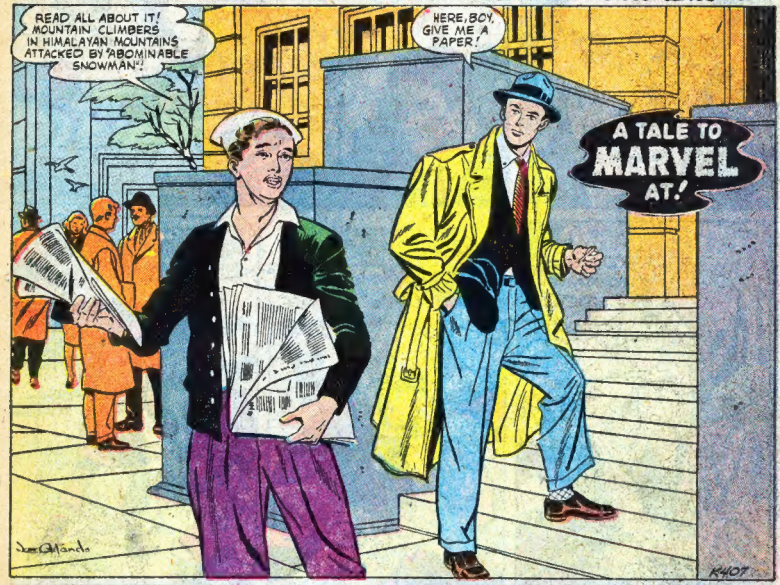
MANY TIMES, OUR NEWSPAPERS HAVE RUN STORIES OF PARTIES OF MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS IN THE HIMALAYAN'S SIGHTING OR BEING ATTACKED BY A HUGE MAN-BEAST CREATURE! THIS CREATURE HAS BEEN NAMED BY SOME ENTERPRISING NEWSMEN, "THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN"! WHO IS THIS CREATURE? DOES HE REALLY EXIST AT ALL? THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS ALWAYS RAISED! AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, THOSE QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED IN THIS STRANGE TALE!

BARELY HUMAN


READ ALL ABOUT IT! MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS IN HIMALAYAN MOUNTAINS ATTACKED BY 'ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN'!
HERE, BOY, GIVE ME A PAPER!
A TALE TO MARVEL AT!

AGAIN, AS USUAL, THE PAPERS MAKE LIGHT OF THE INCIDENT! THE CLIMBER WAS ATTACKED BUT THEN SET FREE, AND THE SO-CALLED, 'ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN' VANISHED IN THE MOUNTAINS!

THE VICTIM CLAIMS THE CREATURE LOOKED INTO HIS FACE AND THEN DROPPED HIM, JUST AS THOUGH IT WAS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE ELSE! THE PAPERS SAY, "IMAGINATION...SENSATIONALISM...LOOKING FOR PUBLICITY, FOR OF COURSE THIS CREATURE DOESN'T REALLY EXIST!"
CENTRAL CITY DAILY

THE CREATURE DOES EXIST, AND NO ONE KNOWS THAT BETTER THAN I! YES, I BELIEVE, AS THE CLIMBER SAID, THAT IT IS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE ELSE! IT'S LOOKING FOR... ME!

IT BEGAN SEVERAL YEARS AGO! I'M A SCIENTIST, ANTHROPOLOGIST, DR. ALVIN MURRAY! I WAS ON A EXPEDITION IN NORTHERN ASIA...

WE'LL MAKE CAMP ON THE LEE SIDE OF THAT LEDGE!
UNDERSTAND!

WE MADE CAMP! THE NATIVES SWEPT AWAY THE SNOW TO THE BARE ICE BENEATH...
SOMETHING HERE! IN ICE! VERY BIG!

WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S TREMENDOUS! CLEAR AWAY MORE OF THE SNOW! IT'S POSSIBLY JUST GRAY ROCK, BUT WE'LL HAVE A LOOK!

THEY CLEARED AWAY THE SNOW... AND THEN I SAW IT, FROZEN IN THE ICE, AS WELL-PRESERVED AS THE DAY IT DIED EONS AGO, A HUGE MAMMOTH WITH TUSKS TEN FEET LONG!
WHAT A FIND! START DIGGING! CUT ALL AROUND IT WITH ICE PICKS, LEAVING A COATING OF ICE ON THE BODY TO PRESERVE IT!

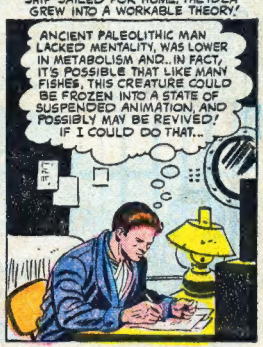
WE WENT TO WORK IMMEDIATELY! SOON WE HAD CHOPPED ALL AROUND IT AND HOISTED IT FROM ITS FROZEN PIT!
SOMETHING MORE THERE! FROZEN! LOOK LIKE MAN!
WHAT? GET IT UP! I MUST HAVE A LOOK AT THIS!

IT IS A MAN...ONE OF THE EARLIEST MEN KNOWN TO SCIENCE. A CREATURE BARELY HUMAN! IT MUST'VE BEEN HUNTING THE MAMMOTH, AND THE DYING BEAST FELL, TRAPPIN' THE MAN UNDER HIM!

WE DUG THE MAN OUT IN A BLOCK OF ICE...THEN HURRIED BACK TO THE EXPEDITION SHIP WAITING FOR US...

NEVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE IT!
NEITHER HAS THE WORLD! WE'LL KEEP THEM IN A PERFECT STATE OF PRESERVATION IN THIS REFRIGERATED UNIT!

YES, I HAD AN IDEA, AND AS THE SHIP SAILED FOR HOME, THE IDEA GREW INTO A WORKABLE THEORY!


ANCIENT PALEOLITHIC MAN LACKED MENTALITY, WAS LOWER IN METABOLISM AND...IN FACT, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT LIKE MANY FISHES, THIS CREATURE COULD BE FROZEN INTO A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION, AND POSSIBLY MAY BE REVIVED! IF I COULD DO THAT...

UPON REACHING AMERICA, I HAD THE MAMMOTH SHIPPED TO THE MUSEUM AND THE BLOCK OF ICE THAT HELD THE ANCIENT MAN SENT TO MY LABORATORIES!

IT TOOK A WEEK BY SLOW PROCESS TO THAW THE ICE! THEN I SET THE CREATURE IN A SEE-SAW CONTRIVANCE WHICH MOVED IN RHYTHM WITH A HUMAN HEART-BEAT! SLOWLY HE ROCKED...AN HOUR PASSED..

HIS ORGANS ARE IN PERFECT CONDITION! HIS HEART HAS BEGUN TO BEAT! NOW WITH THE ELECTRODES, I HOPE TO SHOCK HIS HEART, BRAINS INTO COMPULSORY REACTIVATION! HE MOVED!

QUICKLY I PUT HIM INTO A LARGE CAGE THAT HAD HOUSED AN ANTHROPOID APE! HE SAT UP DROWSILY, A BARELY-HUMAN GIANT!

I'LL HAVE TO FEED HIM RAW MEAT, MILK AND EGGS! FRESH VEGETABLE SHOOTS...AND I'LL KEEP HIM CAGED! HE'S PROBABLY MORE SAVAGE THAN AN ANIMAL!

HE LIVED, HE ATE, AND...HE HATED ME...
YES, YOU HATE LIKE AN ANIMAL HATES... BUT WITH HUMAN CUNNING! I'VE CAGED YOU, AND IN THAT TINY, DARK MIND OF YOURS, YOU WANT TO KILL ME!

THE DAWN MAN BECAME LISTLESS, ILL! HE QUIT EATING!
IT'S THE HEAT! YOU'RE USED TO RAW, COLD LAND! THE IMPURITIES IN THE AIR, SMOKE, FUMES FROM MODERN LIVING, ALL THESE ARE MAKING YOU ILL! I'LL TAKE YOU TO A CLIMATE SIMILAR TO THE ONE YOU CAME FROM, SO LONG AGO!

I TOOK HIM TO THE HIMALAYAN MOUNTAINS! THERE, I BUILT A CABIN AND CONTINUED MY STUDIES OF THE CREATURE!
YOU'VE REGAINED YOUR STRENGTH! I CAN SEE THOSE FIRST REASONING POWERS OF MAN WORKING, COUPLED WITH FIERCE ANIMAL CUNNING! YOU MAKE ME UNEASY, THE WAY YOU HATE ME, BECAUSE YOU THINK I TOOK YOU AWAY FROM YOUR KIND, INTO A DIFFERENT WORLD!

ALARM GREW IN ME, AS THE DAYS PASSED! THEN, ONE NIGHT, I HEARD A SOUND...
IT'S LOOSE! I CAN'T COPE WITH IT IN HERE... NO WEAPONS! THE SKIS OUTSIDE! I MUST GET TO THEM!

I RAN THROUGH THE DOOR! THE SKIS WERE OUTSIDE! HOW I GOT TO THEM WITH TIME ENOUGH TO PUT THEM ON. I'LL NEVER KNOW! BUT I DID!

YES, I GOT AWAY! I WENT BACK EVERY TIME THE 'ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN' WAS REPORTED BEING SEEN, FOR THAT IS WHAT THEY CALL MY CREATURE FROM THE DAWN OF TIME! I WENT BACK TO FIND THAT ANACHRONISM, A DAWN MAN ALIVE IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY...BUT NEVER FOUND HIM!

I'LL GO BACK AGAIN NOW, TO HUNT FOR HIM! BUT WHO KNOWS, UP THERE WHERE THE CREATURE IS IN HIS OWN ENVIRONMENT... WHICH OF US WILL BE THE HUNTER... AND WHICH THE HUNTED!
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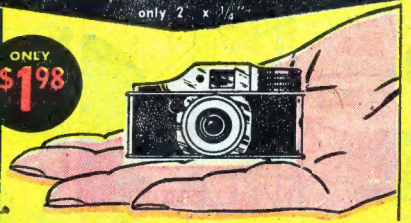

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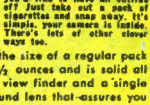

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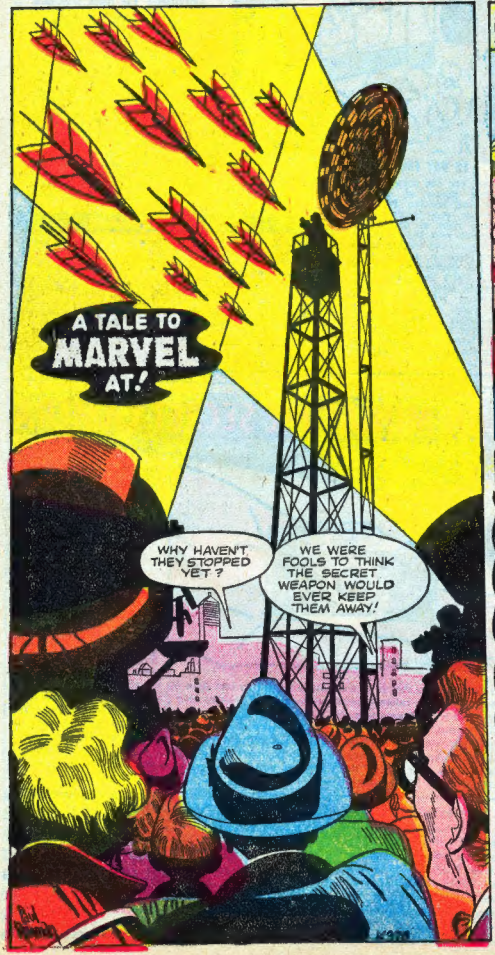
THERE WAS THE ARMADA FROM OUTER SPACE MOVING SLOWLY BUT IRREVOCABLY CLOSER AND CLOSER... THERE WERE EARTH'S PEOPLE SUFFERING UNBEARABLE TENSION AS THEY STOOD WAITING... AND THERE WAS THE...

SECRET WEAPON!



...TO THE DAY THE ARMADA HAD FIRST BEEN SPOTTED IN OUTER SPACE!
THOSE ARE SPACECRAFT, ALL RIGHT... IT'S A WHOLE FLEET OF THEM! QUICK... GET WASHINGTON ON THE PHONE!

THE NEWS HAD LEAKED OUT AND SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE, FANNED BY EVERYBODY'S CONCERN WITH INVASION! ALL OVER THE EARTH, THE PEOPLE HAD DEMANDED OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS...

DO SOMETHING! WE HAVE TO DEFEND OURSELVES!

ISSUE A PROCLAMATION! DO SOMETHING!

AND SO BY PROCLAMATION, TOTAL PRODUCTION HAD BEEN DIVERTED TO ARMAMENTS TO DEFEND EARTH AGAINST THE ARMADA THAT KEPT MOVING EVER CLOSER WITH TANTALIZING SLOWNESS...

EVERYBODY WAS A SOLDIER... EVERY HOME A FORT!

SURE I MISS THE GOOD OLD DAYS, BUT AT LEAST NOW WE WILL BE READY WHEN THEY COME!

THEN, SUDDENLY, A PUZZLING HEADLINE APPEARED IN NEWSPAPERS EVERYWHERE...

Times Herald

HEADS OF STATE CONVENE FOR SECRET MEETING WITH YOUNG SCIENTIST PROMISE IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT SOON!

STORY ON PAGE!

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WHEN THE ANNOUNCEMENT CAME, IT WAS BREATHTAKING...

MR. ANTHONY LUDLOW HAS DEMONSTRATED TO US A WEAPON THAT WE FEEL IS FULLY CAPABLE OF REPELLING THE INVADERS BY ITSELF! AS OF NOW, ALL FACTORIES WILL RESUME CIVILIAN PRODUCTION!

WHAT WERE THEY TO THINK? COULD YOU BLAME THEM FOR CHEERING WILDLY AT THE PROSPECT OF RETURNING BACK TO NORMALCY? COULD YOU BLAME THEM FOR IDOLIZING ANTHONY LUDLOW?

UDLOW

UDLOW FOR SIDENT

AND SO THEY HAD BEEN LULLED BACK TO NORMALCY BY THEIR LEADERS' SPONSORSHIP OF THE SECRET WEAPON, AND ALL THE TIME, ALMOST IMPERCEPTIBLY, THE ARMADA MOVED CLOSER AND CLOSER!

...UNTIL AT LAST IT WAS VISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE! AND THEN THE PEOPLE WERE ALARMED AGAIN..

WHAT ABOUT THE **SECRET WEAPON?** WHEN WILL YOU USE IT?

RIGHT NOW, MY FRIENDS... RIGHT NOW!

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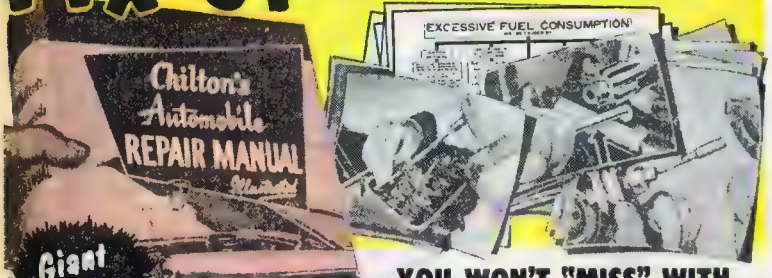

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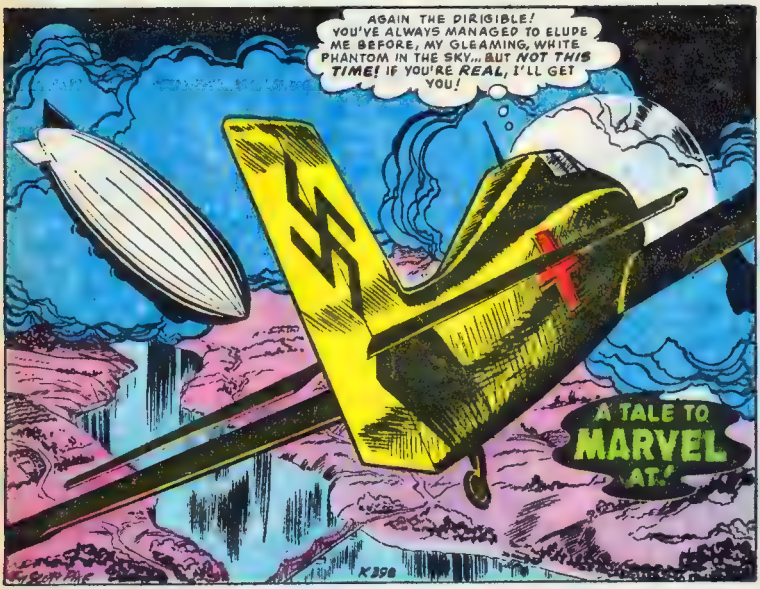
WHERE'S LUDLOW?
LUDLOW SOLD US ON THAT NO-GOOD WEAPON OF HIS...AND LOOK WHAT IT'S DONE TO US!
YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THIS!
NO... NO...
BUT BEFORE A SINGLE HAND COULD BE LAID ON THE YOUNG SCIENTIST...
LOOK! THE ALIENS ARE FLING BACK INTO THEIR SHIPS!
THEY'RE FLYING AWAY!
IT WAS THEN THAT LUDLOW TOLD HOW HIS WEAPON WORKED...
IT'S A THOUGHT CONTROL MACHINE! I BEAMED IT ON THE INVADERS AND ORDERED THEM TO LAND...THEN TO USE THEIR GREAT STRENGTH FOR PROJECTS BENEFICIAL TO US...THEN TO LEAVE AND SPREAD WORD THROUGHOUT THE GALAXY THAT NO INVASION ATTEMPT IS EVER TO BE MADE ON EARTH AGAIN!
THE PEOPLE WERE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE WEAPON HAD DONE! BUT MIXED WITH THEIR GRATITUDE WAS A NEW FEAR...
WHAT IF THAT WEAPON EVER FALLS INTO THE HANDS OF A TYRANT DOWN HERE ON EARTH?
HE COULD DO WHATEVER HE WANTED WITH THAT WEAPON AT HIS DISPOSAL!
BUT YOUNG LUDLOW KNEW WHAT THEY WERE THINKING! AND HE ASSURED THEM WITH A SINGLE SLEDGE-HAMMER BLOW THAT THE WEAPON HAD DONE ITS JOB AND WOULD NEVER BE USED BY ANYONE AGAIN!
SMASH!

IT WAS A WORLD OF PEACE AND BEAUTY! IT HELD OUT COMPLETE HAPPINESS FOR ANY MAN WHO LIVED THERE! NONE DARED TO LEAVE THIS MARVELOUS LAND ACROSS THE DIMENSIONAL BARRIER, AND ONLY ONE MAN ***WANTED*** TO LEAVE! LT. WOLFGANG VOHLAR NOT ONLY FOUND HIS WAY BACK... HE FOUND OUT ***WHY*** HE SHOULD NOT HAVE BETRAYED THOSE WHO TRUSTED HIM...

"A PHANTOM IN THE SKY!"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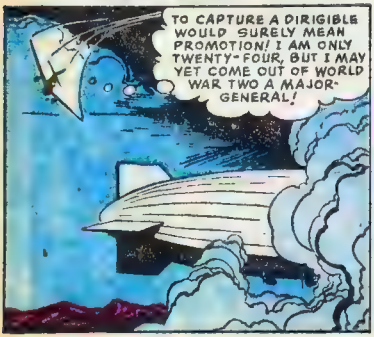
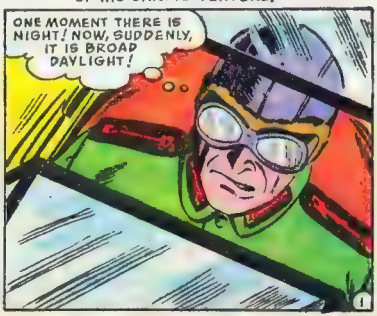
THE YOUNG LUFTWAFFE LIEUTENANT DIVED AT TOP SPEED! HE SAW THE GIANT CRAFT BELOW MOVE INTO A CLOUD!


TO CAPTURE A DIRIGIBLE WOULD SURELY MEAN PROMOTION! I AM ONLY TWENTY-FOUR, BUT I MAY YET COME OUT OF WORLD WAR TWO A MAJOR-GENERAL!

LT. VOHLAR KEPT THE DESCENDING DIRIGIBLE IN SIGHT, PERPLEXED BY WHAT WAS HAPPENING, UNAWARE THAT HE'D CROSSED A DIMENSIONAL BARRIER, EAGER ONLY FOR THE REWARDS OF HIS DARING VENTURE!



THE DIRIGIBLE LANDED AND HER SKIPPER AND PASSENGERS CAME OUT ONTO THE FIELD TO WATCH THE NEW ARRIVAL...

MORE PEOPLE ARE JOINING US THAN EVER BEFORE! IT IS THESE NEW, FAST PLANES... MORE FREQUENTLY THEY FIND THE SPOT AND HAVE THE SPEED TO CROSS THE INVISIBLE BARRIER!

IMMEDIATELY UPON LANDING, LT. VOHLAR SPRANG TO THE GROUND AND APPROACHED THE WAITING DIRIGIBLE PASSENGERS...

NO ONE WILL MOVE! YOU WILL IDENTIFY YOURSELVES!

THAT LUGER IS NOT NECESSARY, MY YOUNG FRIEND! I AM CAPTAIN ERNST RITTER! THIS IS MY DAUGHTER, JOHANNA, AND THESE ARE HER FRIENDS!

I HAVE NO INTEREST IN THE OTHERS, CAPTAIN! I WANT ONLY YOU AND YOUR DIRIGIBLE! YOU WILL TAKE OFF AT ONCE! I WILL LEAD THE WAY IN MY OWN SHIP! TRY TO ESCAPE AND I WILL SHOOT YOU DOWN!

IN GERMANY, I WOULD HAVE YOU COURT-MARTIALED FOR SPEAKING SO! HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT GERMANY... AND WE CANNOT LEAVE HERE!

CANNOT LEAVE? WHY NOT? AND WHY DO YOU SAY THIS IS NOT GERMANY? I TOOK OFF NOT MORE THAN FIFTEEN MINUTES AGO FROM TEMPELHOF AIRDROME!

YOU FOLLOWED MY AIRCRAFT ACROSS AN *INVISIBLE BARRIER!* THIS IS ANOTHER WORLD, LIEUTENANT! LOOK AROUND! ISN'T IT WONDERFUL HERE? WON'T YOU BE HAPPIER STAYING?

LT. WOLFGANG VOHLAR BECAME AWARE FOR THE FIRST TIME OF THE WARM, SWEET-SCENTED AIR, THE FEELING OF PEACE ABOUT THIS STRANGE WORLD! BUT NOT FOR A MOMENT DID HE FORGET HIS AMBITIONS...

IT IS GOOD HERE! AND IF, AS YOU SAY, WE CANNOT LEAVE, THEN I SHALL BE CONTENT TO STAY!

GOOD! YOU WILL STAY WITH ME UNTIL YOU FIND YOUR WAY ABOUT! MANY AIRMEN OF VARIOUS NATIONS HAVE FOUND THEIR WAY HERE! ALL HAVE MARRIED!

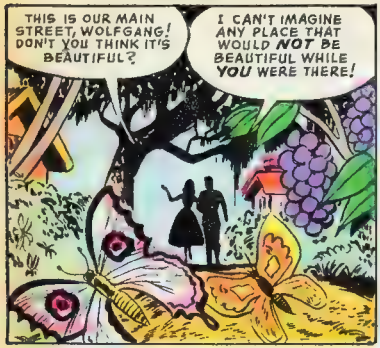
JA, I WILL STAY! SINCE THAT OLD FOX CAPTAIN RITTER WILL NOT RETURN, THEN I SHALL HAVE TO FIND SOME OTHER WAY TO GET THE DIRIGIBLE BACK TO BERLIN!

SO IT WAS, THAT LT. VOHLAR JOINED THE RITTERS AT THEIR HOME! OUTWARDLY, HE SEEMED PLEASED, SATISFIED TO BE THERE... BUT IT WAS ALL SUBTERFUGE, DECEIT...

AFTER DINNER, PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE SOMEONE TO ACQUAINT YOU WITH THIS WONDERFUL WORLD OF OURS!

I SHOULD LIKE THAT... IF JOHANNA WILL BE MY GUIDE!

HOW SUCCESSFULLY LT. VOHLAR HID HIS TRUE FEELINGS, AS HE WALKED WITH CAPT. RITTER'S DAUGHTER...

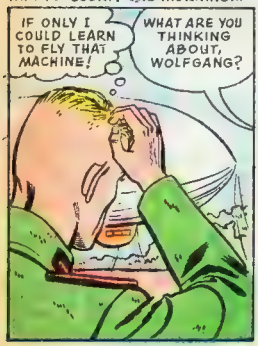

THIS IS OUR MAIN STREET, WOLFGANG! DON'T YOU THINK IT'S BEAUTIFUL?
I CAN'T IMAGINE ANY PLACE THAT WOULD NOT BE BEAUTIFUL WHILE YOU WERE THERE!

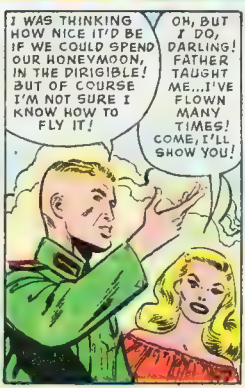
HAVING WON THE LOVE AND CONFIDENCE OF JOHANNA RITTER, LT. VOHLAR NOW SET OUT TO IMPRESS HIS NEW FRIENDS WITH HIS INTENTION OF REMAINING IN THIS DIMENSION OF TIMELESSNESS...

I'M SURE YOU'RE ALL BRAVE MEN! WHY, THEN, DO YOU REMAIN HERE WHILE YOUR COUNTRIES ARE AT WAR?
MAINLY, WE ARE HAPPY HERE! NONE OF US ARE ENEMIES ...ALSO, THERE IS SOMETHING STRANGE! IT IS A PLACE WHERE NOBODY GROWS OLD!

WE CAN'T LEAVE, NOT EVEN IF WE WANT TO!
CAN'T LEAVE? I SAY YOU'RE COWARDS! BUT ONE OF THESE DAYS, I'LL RETURN TO THE FATHERLAND AND COVER MYSELF WITH GLORY, WHILE THESE TIMID FELLOWS LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES HERE!

LT. VOHLAR WAS DETERMINED THAT THE DIRIGIBLE WOULD CARRY HIM TO GLORY! ONE MORNING...




I WAS THINKING HOW NICE IT'D BE IF WE COULD SPEND OUR HONEYMOON, IN THE DIRIGIBLE! BUT OF COURSE I'M NOT SURE I KNOW HOW TO FLY IT!
OH, BUT I DO, DARLING! FATHER TAUGHT ME...I'VE FLOWN MANY TIMES! COME, I'LL SHOW YOU!

THE CRAFTY LIEUTENANT LISTENED CAREFULLY, ABSORBING EVERYTHING JOHANNA TOLD HIM ABOUT THE OPERATION OF THE AIRCRAFT...

IT WAS JUST A FEW NIGHTS LATER THAT LT. WOLFGANG VOHLAR STEALTHILY MADE HIS WAY FROM THE RITTER HOUSE...

I DON'T LIKE LEAVING MY PLANE BEHIND, BUT THIS DIRIGIBLE WILL BE FAR MORE VALUABLE TO GERMANY!

WITHIN TEN MINUTES, VOHLAR HAD CAST OFF THE MOORING LINES AND WAS OFF...

WOLFGANG! WAIT! DON'T LEAVE ME! YOU MUSTN'T GO BACK THERE!

WHAT A HERO IT WOULD MAKE ME, IF I SHOULD LEAD MY SUPERIORS BACK TO THIS PLACE! WE'D MAKE PRISONERS OF THE ENEMY FLIERS, AND ARREST THE TRAITORS WHO ASSOCIATE WITH THEM!

IT WAS SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE LT. VOHLAR COULD LOCATE THE PRECISE SPOT IN THE SKIES WHERE HE MUST PASS THROUGH THE DIMENSIONAL BARRIER TO HIS OWN WORLD...

THERE... I SEE DAYLIGHT! THAT IS THE WAY!

JUST AN HOUR LATER, A BEWILDERED, GERMAN AIR-FORCE CAPTAIN BURST IN ON GENERAL LUTHER KOERNING, LUFTWAFFE COMMANDANT OF THE BERLIN AREA... AND THEN...

THERE, YOU SEE, HERR GENERAL... I AM *NOT* MAD!

A *DIRIGIBLE!* BUT WHERE COULD IT HAVE COME FROM?

SOON AN AMAZED GENERAL KOERNING WAS HEARING LT. VOHLAR'S STRANGE STORY...

I'M SURE YOU'LL AGREE, SIR, I'VE RETURNED WITH A MOST VALUABLE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT!

A VALUABLE ANTIQUE, PERHAPS! THAT DIRIGIBLE VANISHED THIRTY YEARS AGO! BUT THE MOST FANTASTIC PART OF YOUR STORY IS ABOUT HER COMMANDER, CAPT. ERNST RITTER! HE WAS ABOUT SIXTY AT THE TIME... HE'D BE *NINETY* NOW!

THE CAPT. RITTER I MET WAS SURELY NO MORE THAN SIXTY, HERR GENERAL! BUT NOW, IF YOU'LL FORGIVE ME FOR SUGGESTING IT... AM I NOT IN LINE FOR A PROMOTION FOR MY WORK, SIR?

PROMOTION? YOU'RE FAR TOO *OLD* TO BE IN THE ARMY, LIEUTENANT, WAR OR NO WAR, I HEREBY ORDER YOUR *RETIREMENT!*

THE GENERAL SAW THE BEWILDERMENT ON LT. WOLFGANG VOHLAR'S FACE! HE NODDED TO THE FULL-LENGTH MIRROR AGAINST ONE WALL! VOHLAR TURNED AND SAW HIMSELF FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT DAY...

OH, NO! NOW I *KNOW WHY* THOSE OTHER MEN WOULD NOT LEAVE THE TIMELESS WORLD ACROSS THE *DIMENSIONAL BARRIER!*

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WHO WALKS IN THE RUINS

MURDOCK, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS! SURELY A FAMED, RESPECTED PHILATELIST LIKE YOURSELF DOESN'T BELIEVE IN SUCH NONSENSE!
IT'S TRUE! I TELL YOU! IF I FIND THE MIDAS STAMP THE RICHES OF A KING WILL BE MINE!
A TALE TO MARVEL AT!

"IN SEVENTEEN HUNDRED, AN ENGLISH FLOWER GIRL FOUND IT IN HER GRANDFATHER'S COLLECTION..."

"WITHIN A MONTH, THAT GIRL FELL HEIR TO A VAST FORTUNE...SHE WAS THE TOAST OF LONDON..."

MY DEAR, I LOVE YOU DEEPLY...BUT MY FORTUNE IS DWINDLING! I COULD NEVER SUPPORT YOU IN THE MANNER YOU DESERVE!

DO NOT FEAR, MY DARLING! I HAVE ENOUGH WEALTH FOR **BOTH** OF US... I HAVE **THE MIDAS TOUCH!**

"FOR TWO CENTURIES AFTERWARD, ADVENTURERS RAIDED AND ROBBED ACROSS EUROPE FOR POSSESSION OF THE STAMP..."

THE MIDAS STAMP...IGNORE THE TREASURE...IT IS ONLY THE STAMP I SEEK!

"IT FOLLOWED A TRAIL OF DEATH AND DECEIT UNTIL IT ENDED UP ON THE STREETS OF CAIRO, EGYPT..."

THIS STAMP THAT FELL FROM THE POCKET OF ONE OF THOSE MEN...PERHAPS I CAN SELL IT FOR A LOAF OF BREAD...

THAT BEGGAR IS NOW THE OIL KING OF EGYPT, AND MORE IMPORTANT, I HAVE FORMED A PLAN TO **GET** THE MIDAS STAMP! I'M LEAVING FOR CAIRO TOMORROW!

YOU'RE INSANE, MURDOCK! BETTER GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF BEFORE THEY THROW YOU OUT OF THE STAMP SOCIETY!

TEN DAYS LATER, THE FEVER OF THE MIDAS STAMP POSSESSED KEN MURDOCK AS HE TRAVELED INTO THE DESERT OUTSIDE OF CAIRO...

YOU HAVE BEEN PAID WELL... DO NOT FAIL ME! WHEN I WAVE MY HANDKERCHIEF YOU WILL ACT AS PLANNED!

I SHALL NOT FAIL!

SHORTLY...

AH, MR. MURDOCK, THE FAMOUS COLLECTOR FROM AMERICA! I HAVE BEEN AWAITING YOUR VISIT WITH MUCH PLEASURE! SO, YOU WOULD FEAST YOUR EYES ON MY **MIDAS STAMP**, EH?

I HAVE TRAVELED MANY MILES FOR SUCH A PRIVILEGE, SHEIK TOFIEUK!

MURDOCK DRANK IN THE BEAUTY OF THE GOLDEN STAMP AND VISIONS OF WEALTH FLOODED HIS MIND...

FEW MEN HAVE **SEEN** THE **MIDAS STAMP**, MR. MURDOCK! IT IS THE RAREST IN MY COLLECTION!

YES...YES...

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT!

ABRUPTLY, AS THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S HANDKERCHIEF FLUTTERED...

GUNFIRE! GUARDS! GUARDS!

IT'S MINE! NOTHING WILL STOP ME NOW! I TOO WILL POSSESS A FORTUNE!

BUT AS THE STAMP THIEF RACED INTO THE DESERT...

MY RESERVE SUPPLY OF FOOD AND WATER! NO MATTER... I HAVE THE *MIDAS STAMP*... THAT'S THE IMPORTANT THING!

HOUR AFTER HOUR, MURDOCK CROSSED THE BURNING SANDS...

LAST OF MY WATER RATIONS... I CAN HEAD FOR THE OASIS... NO... HE'LL LOOK FOR ME *THERE* FIRST! I MUSTN'T RISK LOSING THE STAMP... I'LL GO ON!

OASIS

FINALLY...

I'LL REST IN THE SHADE OF THIS VILLAGE RUINS UNTIL NIGHTFALL! THEN I CAN MAKE MY WAY BACK TO CAIRO...

SUDDENLY, AS HIS HAND TOUCHED A SECTION OF THE RUINS...

GOLD! T-THE RUINS HAVE TURNED TO *GOLD!*

MY FINGERS BRING FORTH GOLD! I-I'VE GOT THE *MIDAS TOUCH!* THE WEALTH OF THE WORLD IS MINE!

IN A FRENZY OF DELIGHT, HE FROLICKED AMIDST THE GLITTERING RUINS THAT WERE OF HIS MAKING! THEN...
WATER... I MUST GET FOOD AND DRINK... I'LL SEEK OUT A VILLAGE! IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE I GO... I CAN TURN ANYTHING TO GOLD!
BUT AS HE PRANCED ABOUT THE DESERT RUINS...
T-THE STAMP..THE MIDAS STAMP!
WHEN THE STORM FINALLY SUBDUED...
I MUST FIND THE MIDAS STAMP! ITS POWER WILL MAKE ME RICH... RICH! AND THESE RUINS OF GOLD...I'LL HIRE NATIVES TO CARRY THE GOLD BACK TO CAIRO, WHERE I CAN SELL IT!
IT WAS THE NEXT DAY THAT AN ARAB CARAVAN PASSED KEN MURDOCK'S "GOLDEN" RUINS...
THE STAMP.. I'VE LOST THE MIDAS STAMP!
AN AMERICAN...HE HAS BEEN IN THE DESERT SUN TOO LONG...SEE HOW HE STARES ...AND RAVES!
THEY STRAPPED THE DAZED STAMP COLLECTOR ON A CAMEL AND HEADED FOR CAIRO...
SUCH A PITY! STRANGERS TO THE DESERT NEVER REALIZE THE DANGERS THAT CAN LURK LIKE BEASTS OF PREY IN THE SANDS! WAIT... THERE IS SOMETHING ON THE GROUND...
AH, IT IS NOTHING...
MERELY A PIECE OF COLORED PAPER! COME, WE MUST GET THE AMERICAN TO SHADE AND SHELTER! HE IS NOT IN POSSESSION OF HIS SENSES!
THE WORLD WAS MINE... EVERYTHING IN IT... WHY ...WHY DID I HAVE TO LOSE IT?

The EXCHANGE

WORKING as a page in a television studio was a very good start in the right direction for a guy with Howard's ambition. It gave him a chance to meet all kinds of people in the entertainment world. He liked the excitement in the voices and actions of people he encountered. For the most part they treated him patiently, but he could even allow for the few high-pitched encounters he had endured at the hands of some short-tempered executives. It was all in the game, he decided; part of the price you paid for moving with the swift current of a high voltage industry.

Howard's uniform pleased him, too. It gave him a badge of belonging as he strode busily down the corridors to deliver messages or run errands. Sometimes his job would be nothing more sensational then escorting a bawling five-year old from a television studio during one of the kids' programs back to his mother in a separate observation studio room. He felt like a boy scout gone commercial when that would happen. It was a far cry from the work he longed to break into, but at least he was doing his job in the right place where he could run into the right people.

For Howard, that would mean getting to know someone who might take time to give him a few pointers on the magic tricks he had been practicing ever since he was old enough to appreciate that the hand could be quicker than the eye.

His high hopes sometimes floated him on a cloud of imagination where he would be assisting a feature spot magician on a network show. Then his big day would come and the Great Magician would announce his young protégé and call upon Howard to join his act.

On his time off, Howard looked in on the rehearsal studios to learn about the setting up of lights, camera angles and the fascinating backstage details of television production. One day, on his lunch hour, he wandered into an empty rehearsal studio and stumbled upon the man of his dreams. In fact, Howard wondered whether his eyes had been working overtime at the sight that hit them.

Seated in the middle of the room, dead center among the camera booms, was a hunched-up dejected figure, chin in hand, legs crossed, and a sad face that looked completely ridiculous for the crazy pointed hat that sprung from his head like an inverted ice cream cone. The hat was colorful in a crazy-quilt pattern that matched the long-flowing robe drooped around his knees. It looked like an outsize kimono. Howard had come to recognize most of the costumed performers scheduled with his network. There were always newcomers, of course, and Howard overcame his initial surprise rather quickly. One thing did intrigue him, however, and that was the man's resemblance to pictures he had seen of the old-time sorcerers.

The strange fellow suddenly looked directly at Howard. Knowing better than to intrude, Howard prepared to leave the room when an amazing sensation riveted his feet to the floor. He struggled to control their movement, but it was as if he were standing in a pot of glue.

"Come here, young man," ordered the peculiarly dressed fellow.

Howard's arm flailed in the air with the awkwardness of a bird trying his wings while his feet flew toward the stranger. He landed against the poor guy, dumping him from the chair.

"Gee, I'm sorry," Howard stammered.

"It's my fault," said the queer-looking man as he stood up. "I didn't brake you in time. I haven't become used to the space differential. You know how annoying that can be."

"Sure," gulped Howard.

"The sending and receiving end of our time station has been affected by these television waves. Our transmitter jammed, and the next thing I knew I was here." The man waved his arm at the ceiling. "I can't make

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IT'S ALIVE

THEN YOU ADMIT YOU FLED FROM THIS STRANGE PLANET BEFORE YOU COMPLETED THE EXPLORATION OF IT? DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY IN YOUR DEFENSE, CAPTAIN ERIC LINDEN?
YES, SIR! MY MISSION WAS TO FIND LIFE ON ANOTHER PLANET IN OUR GALAXY! I WILL TELL THE SOLAR COURT MY STORY... PERHAPS THEN, YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHY I GAVE THE ORDER TO FLEE FROM THIS STRANGE PLANET!
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"IT WAS NEAR THE END OF OUR SECOND YEAR IN SPACE, WHEN WE SIGHTED THIS PLANET... SO FAR WE HAD EXPLORED OVER FIFTY PLANETS AND STARS WITHOUT FINDING LIFE... I GAVE THE ORDER TO LAND..."
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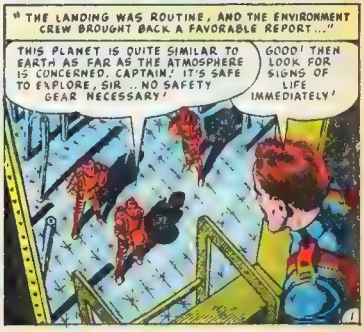
"THE LANDING WAS ROUTINE, AND THE ENVIRONMENT CREW BROUGHT BACK A FAVORABLE REPORT..."
THIS PLANET IS QUITE SIMILAR TO EARTH AS FAR AS THE ATMOSPHERE IS CONCERNED, CAPTAIN! IT'S SAFE TO EXPLORE, SIR... NO SAFETY GEAR NECESSARY!
GOOD! THEN LOOK FOR SIGNS OF LIFE IMMEDIATELY!

"WHEN THE EXPLORATION UNITS LEFT, I EXAMINED THE CURIOUS BAMBOO-LIKE GROWTH THAT COVERED MOST OF THE PLANET..."
IT FEELS STRANGE, CAPTAIN! IT'S TOUGH AND FLEXIBLE!
SOME FORM OF PLANT LIFE, NO DOUBT!
NOTICE THESE LINES! THEY'RE ALL OVER THE PLANET, LIKE SOME SORT OF NETWORK!
LOOK! WHEN I RUB MY HAND OVER THEM, THEY MOVE BACK TO FORM THE SAME PATTERN!
"THEN, SUDDENLY, WE HEARD THE FIRST ALARMING SOUND!"
WHAT WAS THAT?
I DON'T KNOW! THE ENTIRE PLANET IS SHAKING!
THUMP!
IT'S STOPPED! IT JUST THUMPED, AND THEN STOPPED!
I DON'T LIKE IT! SOMETHING OR SOMEBODY IS ON THIS PLANET, AND THEY MUST KNOW WE ARE HERE! I FEEL LIKE SOMEONE IS WATCHING ME!
"THE NEXT MORNING, THE EXPLORATION UNITS REPORTED BACK TO ME..."
CAPTAIN! BUT WHILE WE WERE SLEEPING LAST NIGHT, SOMEONE TOOK OUR EQUIPMENT! THERE MUST BE LIFE ON THIS PLANET!
NO SIGN OF LIFE,
"BEFORE THE UNIT LEADERS COULD FINISH THEIR REPORTS, THAT SAME THUMP SHOOK THE PLANET AGAIN!"
THERE IT IS AGAIN! WE HEARD IT LAST NIGHT!
IT SEEMS TO BE COMING FROM INSIDE THE PLANET!
THUMP!
THERE MUST BE LIFE ON THIS PLANET! UNIT LEADERS, TAKE THE EXPLORATION TEAMS OUT AGAIN... AND THIS TIME, FIND LIFE!
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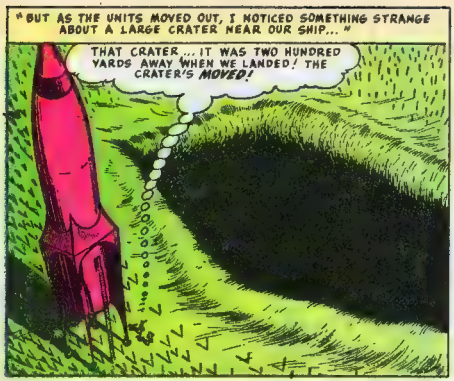
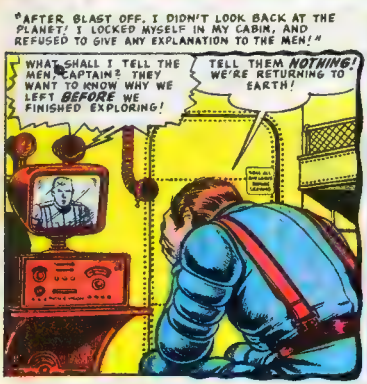

"BUT AS THE UNITS MOVED OUT, I NOTICED SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT A LARGE CRATER NEAR OUR SHIP..."
THAT CRATER... IT WAS TWO HUNDRED YARDS AWAY WHEN WE LANDED! THE CRATER'S MOVED!

"I DIDN'T WASTE ANOTHER SECOND!"
ATTENTION! EVERYONE INTO THE SHIP! WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE! HURRY! BLAST OFF IMMEDIATELY!


"AFTER BLAST OFF, I DIDN'T LOOK BACK AT THE PLANET! I LOCKED MYSELF IN MY CABIN, AND REFUSED TO GIVE ANY EXPLANATION TO THE MEN!"
WHAT SHALL I TELL THE MEN, CAPTAIN? THEY WANT TO KNOW WHY WE LEFT BEFORE WE FINISHED EXPLORING!
TELL THEM NOTHING! WE'RE RETURNING TO EARTH!

I COULDN'T TELL THE MEN WHAT I KNEW! THEY WOULD NEVER HAVE BELIEVED ME!
YOU ARE STILL GUILTY, CAPTAIN! YOU DID NOT COMPLETE YOUR ASSIGNED MISSION! YOU DID NOT FIND LIFE ON ANOTHER PLANET!

I DID COMPLETE MY MISSION, SIR! I NAMED THE PLANET "VITA"... FROM THE LATIN WORD FOR "LIFE"!
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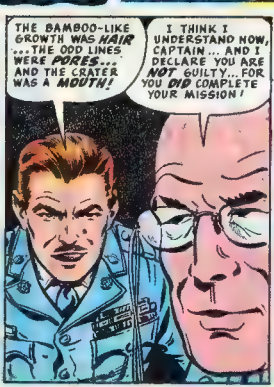
THE BAMBOO-LIKE GROWTH WAS HAIR ...THE ODD LINES WERE PORES... AND THE CRATER WAS A MOUTH!
I THINK I UNDERSTAND NOW, CAPTAIN... AND I DECLARE YOU ARE NOT GUILTY... FOR YOU DID COMPLETE YOUR MISSION!

THE LOUD THUMP... THAT WAS THE HEART BEATING! THE ENTIRE PLANET VITA IS ALIVE!

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contact and I simply must get out of this century and back into my own. We're having a meeting tonight of all the sorcerers in the kingdom. You know it's absolutely essential for me to make contact."

"To be sure," Howard agreed understandingly.

"Now I think I can solve the problem," said the sorcerer thoughtfully. "If I can get out of this room to the place where you have the antenna rigged, it would be a simple matter to beam myself in then, wouldn't it?"

"Well, it might not be too much trouble at that," Howard assented.

"But I can't afford to call attention to myself. You see, a few minutes ago I ventured forth and was stopped from going through the doors by a most annoying fellow who said that only the engineers and official personnel could enter. He seemed to think I was interested in the casting department and directed me there. Couldn't make them listen to reason, either. Bother, bother!"

"I'm sorry you're in such a predicament," said Howard politely, "but I must be getting back to work. I'm a little late as it is, and if I don't hurry and get the scripts to the Kiddy's Uncle Show, they'll have my neck."

"What a pity! Don't tell me that they're that barbaric in your century. Well, don't worry; if I recall properly, the thirtieth century people have made some tremendous advances. Too bad you can't ask for a transfer."

Howard fidgeted unhappily. This guy and his problems meant nothing compared with Uncle Bart's anger if he didn't show up with the scripts. He turned to go, hopeful that he could get away.

"Stay!" commanded the sorcerer. "I have a splendid idea. I don't like to impose, but there is only one way for me to accomplish my task. I must switch clothes with you."

"Oh, no," protested Howard. "Really, I'm terribly late."

"It takes no more than a whirl of my arm like so . . . See! Now I can get past the guard, into the controls, and whooosh . . . I shall be off. Thank you ever so much. Farewell!"

Howard's mouth hung open in astonishment. The sorcerer, dressed in Howard's suit, walked out of the room. With dismay, Howard realized that he was wearing the peculiar hat and robes of the other-century character. There was no time to

change, and he rushed from the room with his ridiculous garments billowing about him.

As luck would have it, Uncle Bart had no less a visitor than the producer of the show, and the two of them looked rather startled when Howard showed up in his outlandish attire.

"You're late!" bellowed Uncle Bart. "Who do you think you are anyway, a refugee from a Halloween party? Take off that silly hat."

Howard snapped the hat from his head. At least half a dozen doves suddenly flew into the air and circled the room.

The producer laughed and applauded heartily.

"Give the kid a break, Bart. He's just trying to show us what he can do. Do you have an act all worked out, son?"

Howard took advantage of the confusion and seized his opportunity.

"I have a pretty fair routine."

"Come and see my secretary for an appointment," said the producer.

"Thank you, sir. Thank you very much. You see, an old sorcerer I met . . ."

"Sorcerer! That's great!" thundered Uncle Bart. "We can build him up on the program as the Saucy Sorcerer. What a great gimmick!"

Howard decided to keep the rest of the story to himself. He saved the sorcerer's costume for luck, and fortunately the hat with the doves was the kind that never ran dry, and it became the high point of his act.

One thing Howard never forgot was the thing that happened shortly after his meeting with the producer when the Uncle Bart show went on the air. Something happened to the sending of the television picture. The monitors said, "We have temporarily lost the visual part of our program through circumstances beyond our control. Our engineers are working to restore the picture to you. Please stand by."

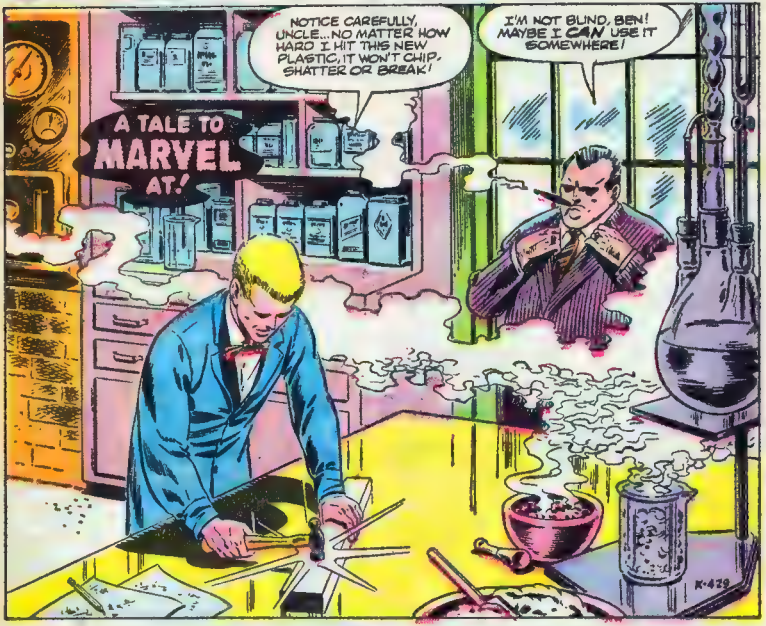
Howard had visions of the sorcerer getting stuck on a wave length, but he must have finally made it. For, finally, the engineers had everything under control, and the viewers had their picture returned to the screen.

"I guess he's back there by now," thought Howard. He patted the long robes fondly. "Thanks, pal," he said aloud, hoping that someday his words might float back a few centuries and the funny fellow would receive his message.

THE END G-719

THERE WERE THREE THINGS MR. COLLIER WANTED MOST... MONEY, POWER AND FAME! BUT LIKE ALL MEN WHO REACH FOR THE STARS, HE WAS DESTINED FOR A GREAT FALL!

THE PARASITE!


NOTICE CAREFULLY, UNCLE... NO MATTER HOW HARD I HIT THIS NEW PLASTIC, IT WON'T CHIP, SHATTER OR BREAK!
I'M NOT BLIND, BEN! MAYBE I CAN USE IT SOMEWHERE!
A TALE TO MARVEL AT!
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YOU KNOW MY POLICY, AND YOU SIGNED A CONTRACT! ANYTHING COMING OUT OF THIS LAB BEARS MY NAME! AND THAT'S FINAL, UNDERSTAND?
YES, SIR... I UNDERSTAND...

THAT EVENING, THE BRILLIANT BUT EASY-GOING YOUNG SCIENTIST WAS MAKING ANOTHER FALTERING APOLOGY TO HIS PRETTY FINANCEE...
B..BUT THERE'S NO ARGUING WITH MY UNCLE, DALE! THAT'S HIS WAY!
AND I SAY IT'S TERRIBLY UNFAIR!
YOU'VE COME UP WITH DOZENS OF NEW PRODUCTS FOR HIM, AND HE CLAIMS THEM AS HIS OWN! WHY, HE DOESN'T EVEN PAY YOU A DECENT SALARY!
I KNOW... BUT IT IS STEADY!
THE TROUBLE WITH YOU, BEN, IS THAT YOU'RE A TRUE GENIUS! THINGS LIKE MONEY AND FAME DON'T MEAN MUCH!
NO, DALE, I GUESS NOT!
BEN WAS A TRUE GENIUS, AND LIKE MOST BRILLIANT MINDS, HIS ONE ABSORBING INTEREST WAS HIS WORK...
REMOVING THE METAL FROM THE GLOWING FLAME, BEN DID A MOST REMARKABLE THING...
YOU SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT! WELL... I'M WAITING!
JUST WATCH! THIS METAL BLOCK HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO 12,000 DEGREES FOR THREE HOURS!
YOU'VE PUT YOUR HAND TO IT... AND IT DOESN'T BURN YOU!
THAT'S RIGHT! THIS METAL CONTAINS A SPECIAL FORMULA! IT ACTUALLY RESISTS HEAT!
I WANT THAT FORMULA! WRITE IT DOWN FOR ME, AND REMEMBER THIS... BREATHE ONE WORD OF IT TO ANYONE AND YOU'LL BE THE SORRIEST MAN ALIVE!
SURE, UNCLE... I'LL WRITE IT DOWN...
THAT NIGHT, ALONE IN HIS STUDY, COLLIER DREAMED HIS GREATEST DREAM...
THIS IS THE BIGGEST THING YET! IT CAN MAKE ME THE RICHEST, THE MOST FAMOUS MAN IN THE WORLD! THIS IS THE FORMULA THE WORLD HAS BEEN WAITING FOR!
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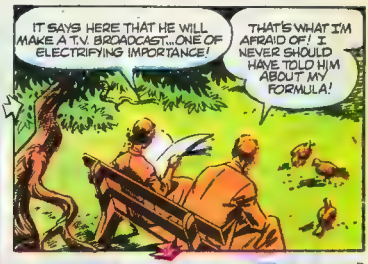
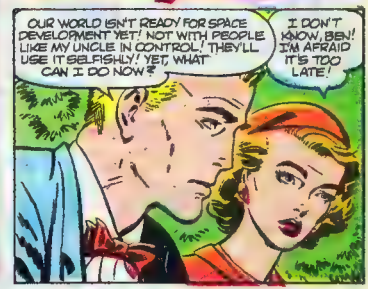
ONLY ONE THING HAS BEEN HOLDING UP SPACE TRAVEL... A METAL THAT WOULD RESIST THE TERRIFIC HEAT PRODUCED BY AIR FRICTION! ROCKETS MADE OF THIS METAL WOULD BE THE PERFECT ANSWER!

AND I WILL HOLD EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS ON THIS METAL! THEY WILL ALL HAVE TO COME TO ME! I WILL BE THE CONTROLLING FACTOR IN THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT! IN TIME, I WILL DOMINATE THE WORLD... PERHAPS NEW WORLDS BEYOND OUR OWN!

COLLIER ACTED SWIFTLY! CLAIMING THE SECRET FORMULA TO BE HIS OWN, HE SPREAD THE WORD...

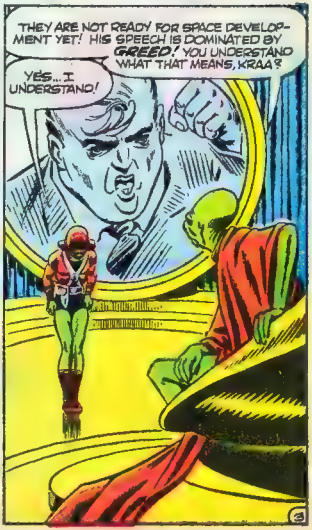

IT SAYS HERE THAT HE WILL MAKE A T.V. BROADCAST... ONE OF ELECTRIFYING IMPORTANCE!
THAT'S WHAT I'M AFRAID OF! I NEVER SHOULD HAVE TOLD HIM ABOUT MY FORMULA!


OUR WORLD ISN'T READY FOR SPACE DEVELOPMENT YET! NOT WITH PEOPLE LIKE MY UNCLE IN CONTROL! THEY'LL USE IT SELFISHLY! YET, WHAT CAN I DO NOW?
I DON'T KNOW, BEN! I'M AFRAID IT'S TOO LATE!

AND WHEN COLLIER APPEARED BEFORE THE T.V. CAMERAS...

PRODUCTION ON MY NEW METAL WILL BE DEVELOPED BY ME ALONE! I WILL ALSO CONTROL ALL PHASES OF DISTRIBUTION ON A WORLD-WIDE BASIS! THE FORMULA I DEVELOPED WILL REMAIN MY CAREFULLY GUARDED SECRET!

BUT FAR OFF IN SPACE, IN A DISTANT WORLD, THE SAME PICKUP WAS BEING RECEIVED ON A HUGE SCREEN...


THEY ARE NOT READY FOR SPACE DEVELOPMENT YET! HIS SPEECH IS DOMINATED BY GREED! YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT MEANS, KRAA?
YES... I UNDERSTAND!

AND NOT LONG AFTER THE BROADCAST CAME TO AN END...

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF FOR THIS!

WAIT, BEN! LISTEN...THAT EXTRA!

WHAT COULD IT MEAN?

VANISHED... *WHERE?*

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I'M BURNING THE NOTES ON THE METAL FORMULA! UNTIL THE WORLD IS REALLY READY FOR IT, I WOULDN'T WANT IT TO FALL INTO ANYONE ELSE'S HANDS!

YOU'RE RIGHT, BEN!

BUT I STILL CAN'T FORGET ABOUT YOUR UNCLE'S DISAPPEARANCE! IT'S AS IF SOME STRANGE AND POWERFUL FORCE INTERVENED...WHERE *WE* WERE HELPLESS!

I'M INCLINED TO AGREE, DARLING!

AND ON THE DISTANT PLANET...SO FAR FROM EARTH...

YOU'VE BROUGHT ME HERE AGAINST MY WILL! BUT YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE! I'M NOT ONE WHO INVENTED THE METAL...THE FORMULA ISN'T MINE!

BUT YOU CLAIMED IT AS YOURS! WE HEARD THE BROADCAST!

I LIED! I WANTED *FAME*...TO BE LOOKED UPON WITH AWE! THAT IS THE TRUTH!

YOU *SAID* THE FORML...A WAS *YOURS!* YOU WERE READY TO *DOMINATE YOUR* WORLD...*ALL* WORLDS! *THAT* IS WHY WE BROUGHT YOU HERE...

...AND *HERE* IS WHERE YOU WILL *REMAIN*...UNTIL SUCH TIME AS WE CONSIDER IT *SAFE* TO ALLOW *YOU* TO *RETURN* TO EARTH!

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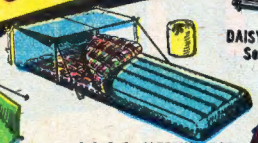

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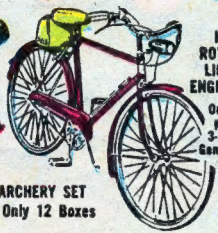

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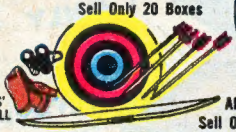

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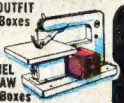

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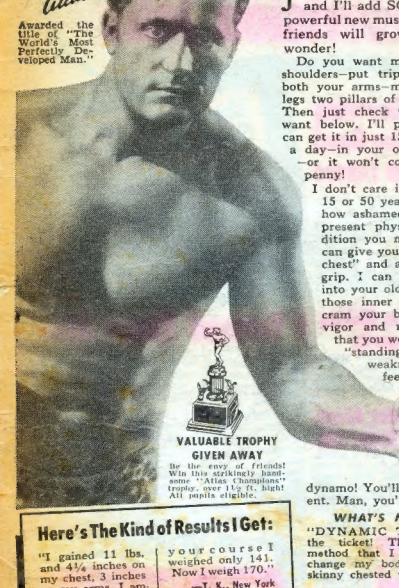

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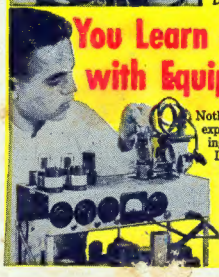

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